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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APPOINTS DIANE EIDAM AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SACRAMENTO

Chairman Allen Lawrence today announced the appointment of Diane Eidam as Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, effective October 1, 2001.

Ms. Eidam comes to the position of the Commission's Executive Director with 22 years of experience with the State of California. She most recently has served as Deputy Director of the California Department of Transportation's District 3 and previously served as the Department's Deputy Director for Audits and Investigations.

Ms. Eidam has received B.A.'s in Political Science and in Economics from the University of California at Davis and has performed Postgraduate work in Accounting and Business Administration at Sacramento State University. She is a Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Finance Manager.

The Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission reports to the nine-member Commission and is responsible for overseeing the Commission's staff of 19 and its annual budget of \$2.2 million. The Commission is responsible for programming and funding several billion dollars annually for transportation projects throughout California in partnership with regional transportation agencies and the California Department of Transportation. The Commission is also responsible for advising the California Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing and the California Legislature on key transportation policy matters.

DIANE EIDAM - BIOGRAPHY

Education: B.A. in Political Science, B.A. in

Economics, University of Calif., Davis Postgraduate work in Accounting and Business Administration. Calif. State

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Licenses/Certifications: Certified Internal Auditor

Certified Governmental Financial Manager

Years of State Service: 22.5



Career Highlights

Diane has over eight years of experience in a Career Executive Assignment at the California Department of Transportation with full participation at the executive management level formulating and evaluating state policies and plans for transportation programs.

During her 22 years of experience working with local agency customers, projects and perspectives, Diane was often called upon to develop consensus among diverse interests with divergent, often opposing views.

As the Deputy District Director of Caltrans District 3, Diane is responsible for providing administrative support for the department's programs in the eleven county District 3 boundary. A primary responsibility of this position includes facilitating on-time and within budget delivery of transportation projects and services within the district and North Region.

The majority of Diane's experience in state service has been in the field of auditing. As the Deputy Director, Audits and Investigations, Diane became an integral part of the Caltrans management team. During her tenure, the products provided by Audits and Investigations generated significant improvements in Caltrans business practices, as well as millions of dollars in cost recoveries. Additional experience includes a Senior Auditor/Evaluator position with the Bureau of State Audits performing complex audits of state operations.

Diane's work experience also includes a stint as the Departmental Personnel Officer.